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SUBJECT: MTN: AGENDA FOR MARCH MEETING OF STANDARDS

- SUBGROUP

REF: (A) GENEVA 2704; (B) 77 GENEVA 11557

1. PETER WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF STANDARDS SUBGROUP,
CALLED U.S. MTN DEL TODAY TO DISCUSS AGENDA FOR INFORMAL
AND FORMAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF 6 MARCH. THE
CANADIANS HAVE AGREED TO HOST THE FIRST INFORMAL SESSION,
SCHEDULED BY WILLIAMS FOR THE AFTERNOON OF 6 MARCH. AS
AGREED AT THE PREVIOUS INFORMAL MEETING (REF (B)), PRI-
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MARY TOPIC WILL BE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. WILLIAMS ALSO
HOPED THAT THERE COULD BE A CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION
REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CODE AND THE GATT.
FOR THE FORMAL SUBGROUP MEETING, WILLIAMS SUGGESTS THAT
DISCUSSION FOCUS ON NEW PROPOSALS, I.E. THE EC PROPOSAL
ON LEVELS OF OBLIGATION, SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREAT-
MENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND OTHER ITEMS OF PARTICU-

LAR INTEREST. WILLIAMS PROPOSES THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS DEVOTE SOME DISCUSSION TO FORMAL MEETING AGENDA, PARTICULARLY THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF S&D (E.G., U.S., BRAZIL, AND/OR NORDIC PROPOSALS). THESE ARE PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON THE AGENDA AND WILLIAMS IS OPEN TO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

2. WILLIAMS SCHEDULED MONDAY SESSION FOR AFTERNOON TO LEAVE MORNING OPEN FOR BILATERAL CONTACTS. LOCAL EC REP EXPECTS SCHLOSSER TO ARRIVE SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 5, AND BE AVAILABLE FOR BILATERAL CONTACTS PRIOR TO MONDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.

3. COMMENT: U.S. MTN DEL BELIEVES THAT AGENDA FOCUSSING ON ISSUES RATHER THAN PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF CODE IS PREFERRED APPROACH FOR UPCOMING MEETING. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MENTIONED TOPICS, WILLIAMS ASSURED US THAT "OTHER ITEMS" IN FORMAL SUBGROUP AGENDA COULD INCLUDE TOPICS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN THE INFORMAL SESSIONS. END COMMENT.

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